

AMENDED CLAIMS

Please amend the following claims.

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6. (Amended) A method for controlling connections in a communication network, comprising the steps of:

- setting up a signaling connection between a subscriber of the communication network and a service access system based on a service connection request by the subscriber; and
- setting up a payload connection associated with the signaling connection between the service access system and the subscriber only when there is data traffic for a service and clearing down the payload connection after the data transmission,

wherein the signaling connection and the payload connection are maintained simultaneously during the data transmission.

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10. (Amended) A method for controlling service connections in a communication network in order to support access to a service via the communication network, comprising the steps of:

- initiating the setup of a service-related signaling connection between a subscriber and a service access system;
- initiating the setup of a payload connection between the service access system and the subscriber associated with the signaling connection only when there is data traffic and initiating the cleardown of the payload connection after data transmission,

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wherein the signaling connection and the payload connection are maintained simultaneously during the data transmission.

15. (Amended) The method of claim 14, further comprising
clearing down the second connection after the end of data transmission and when the time interval has already been charged.

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